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AMENDMENTS

- _X_ If checked, amendment(s) to the specification and/or claims are submitted herewith.
- 1. ___ If checked, an abstract is submitted as the last page of Appendix A.

2. Specification:

Please delete the paragraph(s)/section(s) beginning at page, and replace such paragraph(s)/section(s) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(ii) with the "clean" version attached hereto as Appendix A. Entry is respectfully requested. A version with markings to show the changes made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(iii) is attached hereto as Appendix B.

3. Claims:

Please cancel claims _____ without prejudice.

Please amend claims <u>6 and 7</u> and add new claims <u>9 - 20</u> pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(i) as set forth in the "clean" version attached hereto as Appendix A. Entry is respectfully requested. A version with markings to show the changes made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(ii) is attached hereto as Appendix B.

____ If checked, the optional complete set of "clean" claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(3) is attached hereto as Appendix C.

REMARKS/ARGUMENT

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted to change the multiple dependent claims to single dependent claims in order to reduce the government filing fee.

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APPENDIX A

"CLEAN" VERSION OF EACH PARAGRAPH/SECTION/CLAIM 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(ii) AND (c)(i)

CLAIMS (with indication of amended or new):

- (Amended) 6. Multi-layer material obtained through an installation according to claim 1, characterized by the fact that it comprises a structured web (2) alveolarily deformed on one side (48), said structured web (2) being covered on said side (48) by a paper web (14).
- (Amended) 7. Multi-layer material obtained through an installation according to claim 1, characterized by the fact that it comprises a structured web (34) alveolarily deformed on both sides (48, 49), said structured web (34) being covered by a paper web (14) on one side (48) and by another web (33) on its other side (49).
- (New) 9. Multi-layer material obtained through an installation according to claim 2, characterized by the fact that it comprises a structured web (2) alveolarily deformed on one side (48), said structured web (2) being covered on said side (48) by a paper web (14).
- (New) 10. Multi-layer material obtained through an installation according to claim 3, characterized by the fact that it comprises a structured web (2) alveolarily deformed on one side (48), said structured web (2) being covered on said side (48) by a paper web (14).
- (New) 11. Multi-layer material obtained through an installation according to claim 4, characterized by the fact that it comprises a structured web (2) alveolarily deformed on one side (48), said structured web (2) being covered on said side (48) by a paper web (14).
- (New) 12. Multi-layer material obtained through an installation according to claim 5, characterized by the fact that it comprises a structured web (2) alveolarily deformed on one side (48), said structured web (2) being covered on said side (48) by a paper web (14).
- (New) 13. Multi-layer material obtained through an installation according to claim 2, characterized by the fact that it comprises a structured web (34) alveolarily deformed on both

sides (48, 49), said structured web (34) being covered by a paper web (14) on one side (48) and by another web (33) on its other side (49).

- (New) 14. Multi-layer material obtained through an installation according to claim 3, characterized by the fact that it comprises a structured web (34) alveolarily deformed on both sides (48, 49), said structured web (34) being covered by a paper web (14) on one side (48) and by another web (33) on its other side (49).
- (New) 15. Multi-layer material obtained through an installation according to claim 4, characterized by the fact that it comprises a structured web (34) alveolarily deformed on both sides (48, 49), said structured web (34) being covered by a paper web (14) on one side (48) and by another web (33) on its other side (49).
- (New) 16. Multi-layer material obtained through an installation according to claim 5, characterized by the fact that it comprises a structured web (34) alveolarily deformed on both sides (48, 49), said structured web (34) being covered by a paper web (14) on one side (48) and by another web (33) on its other side (49).
- (New) 17. Multi-layer material according to claim 13, characterized by the fact that the structured web (34), alveolarily deformed on both sides (48, 49), shows a decorative pattern.
- (New) 18. Multi-layer material according to claim 14, characterized by the fact that the structured web (34), alveolarily deformed on both sides (48, 49), shows a decorative pattern.
- (New) 19. Multi-layer material according to claim 15, characterized by the fact that the structured web (34), alveolarily deformed on both sides (48, 49), shows a decorative pattern.
- (New) 20. Multi-layer material according to claim 16, characterized by the fact that the structured web (34), alveolarily deformed on both sides (48, 49), shows a decorative pattern.

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APPENDIX B

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(iii) AND (c)(ii)

CLAIMS:

- 6. Multi-layer material obtained through an installation according to [one of the preceding claims] claim 1, characterized by the fact that it comprises a structured web (2) alveolarily deformed on one side (48), said structured web (2) being covered on said side (48) by a paper web (14).
- 7. Multi-layer material obtained through an installation according to [one of claims 1 to 5] claim 1, characterized by the fact that it comprises a structured web (34) alveolarily deformed on both sides (48, 49), said structured web (34) being covered by a paper web (14) on one side (48) and by another web (33) on its other side (49).